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PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the appropriate utilization of inmates within the Nevada Department of Corrections in institutional health care programs.

AUTHORITY

NRS 209.131

RESPONSIBILITY

Medical Division Staff at each institution who utilize and/or supervise inmate workers will have responsibility to comply with these procedures.

DEFINITIONS

None.

APPLICABILITY

This regulation applies to all institutional clinics, infirmaries, and mental health units utilizing inmate workers.

PROCEDURES

606.01 USE OF INMATE WORKERS IN HEALTH CARE

1.1 Unit Procedures

1.1.1 Each Health Care Unit utilizing inmate workers will have a written procedure on the subject in the unit procedural manual. The procedure will contain the following:

- A written job description on each category of inmate worker;
- The conditions under which inmates can perform tasks;
- The screening processes by which inmate health workers are selected; and
- Immunization requirements.

1.2 Restrictions

1.2.1 Inmates will not be used to:

1.2.1.1 Perform direct patient care services. **(3-4340)**

1.2.1.2 Schedule health care appointments.

1.2.1.3 Determine access of other inmates to health care services.

1.2.1.4 Dispense or administer any type of medication or work in a pharmacy or medication room.

1.2.1.5 Handle or have access to medical records.

1.2.1.6 Handle or have access to surgical instruments, syringes, needles, medications, or operating equipment.

1.2.1.7 Perform clerical duties involving confidential patient information.

1.2.1.8 Manage, oversee, or supervise other inmates.

1.2.2 Exception to Restrictions:

1.2.2.1 Inmates may render medical attention when emergency first aid may be necessary to save a life and no employee is immediately available to render first aid.

1.2.2 Inmates may be used to perform limited types of services including cleaning/janitorial, the feeding and movement (by wheelchair, stretcher,, etc.) of other inmates.

1.3 Training:

1.3.1 Only Medical Division staff may train inmate workers concerning the inmate-worker tasks in a medical setting.

- Inmates are not allowed to train other inmates.

1.3.2 The Medical Division may elect to train inmates and prepare them for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and Bloodborne pathogen cleanup.

- Medical Division will maintain records of such training.

REFERENCES

ACA Standards 3-4340

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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No

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